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AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HELP COMING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS IN EAST BAY AREA Public Meeting To Be Held On January 18 To Discuss Stand Down Plans

Plans are underway for a community mobilization to assist the East Bay's homeless veterans this coming August. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Building, 400 Hartz Avenue in Danville, California to announce details of the event and invite additional public participation. Stand Down 2006 is expected to serve approximately 500 homeless area veterans with support from numerous agencies including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Vet Centers, the California Department of Veterans Affairs, the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley, area military reserve commands, and community nonprofit agencies.

This year's Stand Down will be held the Alameda County Fairgrounds, August 10 to 13, 2006. In previous years, the event had been held at the Reserve Training facility at Camp Parks.

More information on this and previous East Bay Stand Downs may be found at http://www.eastbaystanddown.org/.

Organizations interested in participating in Stand Down 2006 are encouraged to contact board members Barton Buechner at (707) 944-4500; Jerry Yahiro at (925) 743-8850 or Denver Mills at (925) 680-4526.

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